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New Haliburton County Farmers' Market market manager Janine Papadopoulos stands with volunteer Nicki Hagarty during the first market of the season at Head Lake Park in Haliburton on Tuesday, May 14. See more photos on page 2. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Home and Cottage Show welcomes 27 new vendors

VIVIAN COLLINGS
Editor

The tradition lives on; the longest-running home show in Ontario will be back for its 45th year.

The Haliburton Home and Cottage Show will feature 130 vendors with 27 new ones added to the list.

"The show is certainly gaining in popularity, and the reason we know that is we have a waiting list for vendors. We've been sold out since March 31, so the support has been great, both from local vendors," said Andy Glecoff, Haliburton Home and Cottage Show co-manager.

The show runs from Friday, May 31 to Sunday, June 2 at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Haliburton Curling Club.

For the first time, the show will offer a shuttle service using Haliburton Bus Lines to bring attendees from the parking lot at the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team building and from downtown Haliburton at the Welcome Centre.

"The shuttle will run every 15 minutes, so no one's going to have to wait long," Glecoff said. "Parking has always been an obstacle, especially with so many people coming out every year. We're excited to offer this service."

The shuttle service will run from 9 a.m.

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At the market

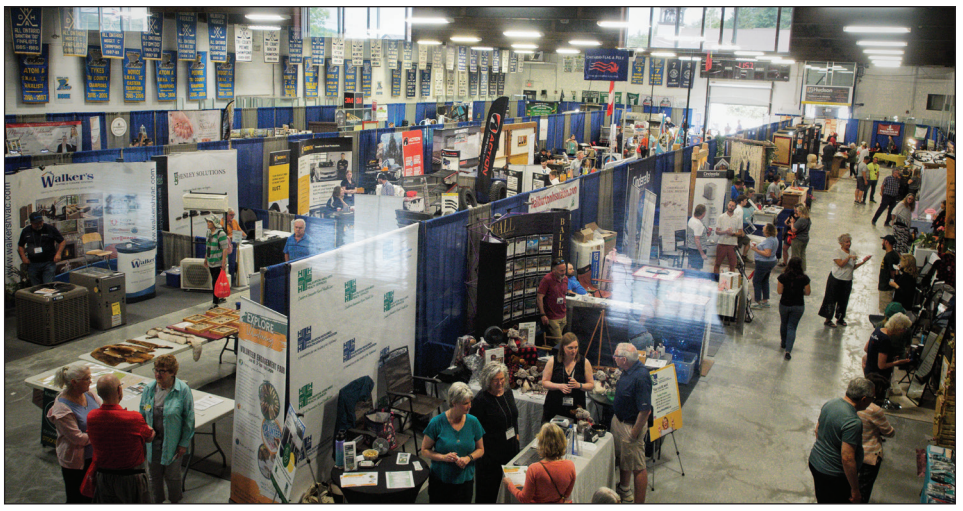
Mary Ann Gonneau, owner of Backyard Bear Arts and Crafts Studio, stands with her booth at the Haliburton County Farmer's Market on Tuesday, May 14.

Gonneau's art includes painted bird houses made out of gourds.

Ron Lofthouse keeps bees and sells honey and beeswax products at his booth at the Haliburton County Farmer's Market.

Under construction

Melanie Klodt Wong, Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) Foundation executive director and HHHS CEO Veronica Nelson stand where the new CT scanner will be placed at the Haliburton hospital. Construction crews have been hard at work since March preparing the space equiped with lead walls for radiation protection, an accessible washroom, changerooms, and control room. The CT scanner will be delivered in June with the mammography unit arriving in the fall. Nelson said 95 per cent of patients requiring a CT scan will be accomodated in Haliburton witch the exception of those needing a cardiac scan. "This new equipment will change the lives of so many in the county," Nelson said. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



The Home Show welcomed visitors from all over the county in 2023, who explored over 20,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor displays at the AJ LaRue Arena and the Haliburton Curling Club. The Home and Cottage Show is sponsored and organized by members of the Haliburton Curling Club. /FILE

Show supports local curling

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to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Also new this year is a lineup of speakers presenting in the lounge of the Curling Club.

On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Monika Melichar from Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary will speak followed by local real estate broker Brandon Nimigon.

On Saturday and Sunday, presentations will also be given by an OPP safety officer about cottage and water safety, and Paul MacInnes from the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners and Haliburton County Master Gardeners will speak about shoreline and lake health.

"We also have a celebrity attending; David Alexander Risk. He has three booths where he will be displaying his paintings, and he's going to be painting at the show," Glecoff said. "He's going to give us an original painting as the first draw prize in our raffle which is so exciting."

The painting will be on display in the Club Room of the Curling Club. A two night stay at Buttermilk Falls Resort and a Grey Owl paddle and $100 gift card to Algonquin Outfitters are also available to win.

Run by 150 Curling Club volunteers, the show is completely not-for-profit and helps support the curling club's community programs.

"The proceeds from the whole show support community curling. We have curling programs for public-school aged children to seniors, so it's a strong program that starts in grade school," Glecoff said.

"We've had great success. Jacob Dobson won the CCAA national college curling championship with his team for the second year in a row. He's ranked in the top 100 in the world."

Another curler that went through the local program was Owen Nicholls who curled with Team Ontario in the Canada Winter Games for the past two years.

"Liam Little has also had great success and received silver in the national college curling championship with his team," Glecoff said.

Ticket prices are $3 per day, and children under 12 attend for free..

A free Doggy Day Care will be available once again for four-legged friends to be taken care of while you tour the show.

Visit www.haliburtonhomeandcottageshow.com to learn more.

"With so many new additions this year, it promises to be a great show you won't want to miss," Glecoff said.

FoRT presents Around the World on Bike Paths

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT) are extending a welcome to the community to attend their yearly social, featuring an exciting new program for travel enthusiasts.

On Thursday, May 23, join FoRT in the Haliburton Legion Club Room from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for Around the World on Bike Paths.

"Friends of the Rail Trail has a social every year, and they always have something educational and informative, but are accessible to everyone and give us an opportunity to visit with everyone," said Pamela Marsales, FoRT chair.

Marsales said the social will be a combination of videos, photos, and presentations by people eager to share their experiences.

"For this one, we'll look at at least half a dozen bike trail networks around the world. They're all different, so there's something for everyone," Marsales said. "These paths can go from an easy, flat rail trail to mountain bike paths in Tasmania, and everything in between."

The social will also feature a cash bar and door prizes, and admission is by donation. To reserve attendance, call or text 705-457-4767.

Sunday Rambles

The final Sunday Ramble of the season will be on Sunday, May 26 beginning at the trail head of the Haliburton County Rail Trail.

"This one's a special one. We'll be walking into the village with guest Jamie Stuckless, project manager for the Active Pathways Network. So, we'll be talking about how the paths feel comfortable, their safety, and more."

Meet at 7286 Gelert Rd. at 11 a.m. on Sunday to participate.

"This is free and welcomes all ages, and friendly dogs," Marsales said.

For more information about FoRT, visit fortprojects.ca.

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A Medieval marvel

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 11/12 drama class spent the semester preparing for their production of Camelot, which was performed on Wednesday, May 15 and Thursday, May 16 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

Developer takes another swing at Centre Lake cottage project

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The proponent of a Centre Lake cottage and maple syrup development asked Highlands East council to consider their revised plan for the project.

Council was asked to work with the developer to further fine tune the plan, allow a public meeting about the development, and then the project's desirability could be determined.

John Ariens represents a Greater Toronto Area land development company looking to put seasonal cottages and a maple syrup boil-up site at Centre Lake.

On their behalf, Ariens presented council a revised development plan during its May 14 public meeting.

The land in question is about a kilometre west of Cardiff along the north side of Highway 118. It's rural land, he said. The company, he said, has owned the property in question for more than a decade and is experienced in cottage developments.

They also have townhouse and hotel developments in their quill of experience.

He asked that council consider the improvised plan and hold another public meeting to garner input. He asked that council make a decision on the project's desirability with or without a Crown land reserve in place. He also asked that council make as final determination on a required road closure.

"Within the rural designation, it (Haliburton County Official Plan) encourages the establishment of diversified tourism opportunities that are ecological sustainable and promote natural resources," Ariens said.

"Both the maple syrup harvesting facility and the cottage development will be permitted by the county's Official Plan."

The Highlands East Official Plan also permits local and tourist commercial uses for rural and shoreline land, he said. The shoreline designation permits recreation-based commercial tourism uses.

"Again the cottage and the maple syrup (development) would be permitted by your Official Plan," he said.

Ariens said there's a Crown land reserve along Centre Lake which is owned by the province.

"It's similar to a one-foot reserve that municipalities often have along a road allowance," he said. "It basically prevents certain activities from occurring."

That reserve extends along Centre Lake, he said, because the province sold the mineral rights there as part of a mining claim.

Ariens said his client bought the mineral rights for the land along the lake from the company about two years ago. His client has since donated those mineral rights to the province.

"So the need for the Crown reserve is no longer there to protect the lake from any mining activity," he said. "The only real function that the Crown reserve has is that it does provide public access to the lake, albeit limited given to the topography that we have along that lake edge."

The proponent's initial development plan consisted of 28 cottages, a resort and wellness centre with 60 suites and a one-storey spa, and a public trail.

Concerns about the Crown reserve's removal were raised during a 2021 public meeting.

There were fears about the natural environment's destruction and shoreline degradation. There was wariness that the scale of the development could be inappropriate for Centre Lake. And the possibility of radon gas borne adverse health impacts.

"Based on that, the council passed the resolution not supporting the removal of the Crown reserve and, basically, the application has stood still since that occurred," Ariens said.

"Basically, the Crown reserve removal is on hold and we have been working on a re-design of the proposed development."

The wellness centre and spa has been deleted from plans. A few more shoreline lots have been added in place of them. The development now consists of 33 units.

"At least, that's what we've proposed," he said. "But, members of council, we're certainly prepared to work with you and staff and fine tune this development concept.

"This is our first kick at the can for revising the plan."

He said the landowner is prepared to file applications with the township and the county to have the Crown reserve remain or removed.

"Either one will work," he said.

The revised plan is less intense and the road allowance will need to be crossed, whichever plan is proposed.

"It appears the portion of the property that's still Crown property may or may not change hands," said Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall.

If that we the case, he asked how that setback from the waterfront be controlled with the people who would own the units.

"My understanding is that Crown reserve is publicly accessible today," Ariens said. "So anyone can walk on that Crown reserve from end of the lake to the other. So when these cottage lots would back onto the Crown reserve, those residents would have the right to walk over that Crown reserve and access the lake as well."

The province hasn't decided on the Crown reserve's removal, and council withholding its support for that carries weight against the removal, he said.

"If council were to support the development as revised and support the removal of the Crown reserve, I'm pretty confident that the province would see it that way as well," Ariens said.

Ryall said the community came out against the reserve's removal because, once that happens, the property owners could do whatever they wanted to that space.

Ariens suggested establishing a 30-metre or 40-metre setback from the water's edge could be established after the 200-metre reserve is removed.

"Preventing boat houses, preventing gazebos, preventing that type of encroachment and maintaining that vegetative shoreline which is so important for maintaining the quality of the lake," Ariens said.

"The removal of the reserve doesn't automatically mean that people can go nuts on that particular shoreline. They would still be subject to normal and proper environmental controls."

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Reflections on an Algonquin Highlands pond. by Tammy Nash

Editorial

I love a farmers' market

LAST TUESDAY, the first Haliburton County Farmers' Market took place on the sunniest day of the week - a warm welcome following a winter of uncertainty.

After a few months of back-and-forth delegating with Dysart council, the market has decided to move back to its original location in Head Lake Park, with park maintenance fees, yes, but nonetheless visible, and vendors are ready for a busy summer.

While touring through the market, I was reminded of how special it is.

It's an important hub, and definitely something you have to experience to truly understand the magic.

Thomas Smith, the Minden Times editor and I, were in the office moments before, discussing how we planned to get through the week with a short deadline for this edition of the Echo due to Victoria Day.

vivian collings

There's always a bit of added pressure with a long weekend since the presses are closed, so everything must be sent early.

I decided to take a break for lunch, grabbed my camera, and headed across the road to the colourful tents all in a row.

Puddles still remained in the parking lot from a night of rain, but the sky was cloudless.

First, I chatted with Pamela Marsales from Friends of the Rail Trail about their upcoming events.

As we sat there for a few minutes, so many smiling faces stopped to say hi.

Then, I moved on to the market's tent.

Volunteers were busy helping visitors, snapping photos, and catching up with old friends.

Again, more smiles and laughs.

Janine Papadoploulos, whom many will know from Into the Blue Bakery, has taken over as market manager this season.

With all of her years as a vendor baking delicious pizzas, there's no doubt that she'll excel.

The first vendor I met was Mary Ann Gonneau, a mixed-media artist.

I was immediately drawn to her painted gourd bird houses.

One was a cat, one was a beehive, and all were equally creative and adorable.

She said she currently has plethora of gourds to grow in her garden, meaning she'll be busy painting next year once they're hollowed out and dry.

Next to her, luscious plants took over tables at Fisher's Farm's booth.

Shoppers browsed through vegetable plants and herbs.

I then chatted with Ron Lofthouse, a longtime market vendor.

"Being part of this market has always been so rewarding. We get to meet so many amazing people, it's always a beautiful day, rain or shine," he said.

I made my way through the rest of the market and headed back to the office, but I'll certainly be back every week I can.

Everyone there has a unique story.

There's really nothing better than meeting talented people showing off the literal fruits of their labour.

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market ris at Head Lake Park on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., behind the township offices in Minden from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays, and at Abbey Gardens on Fridays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Be sure to stop in and visit these local entrepreneurs and everything they have to offer.

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Our road

Down

sharon lynch

When the frogs sing

AS SOON as he saw the sign he knew they were getting closer. The big old highway sign by the side of the highway had seen better days. It sat a bit crookedly and the giant moose lifting its massive head in greeting had started to peel. But the message was the same. Welcome to cottage country.

For Allen it was welcome to forest smells, starry nights and freedom. Especially freedom. Although it was only the first weekend by the lake this year and although the bugs will try to carry him off, Allen knew he will be able to stay outside the whole time. Well almost. He'll have to come indoors to eat, sleep and re-apply bug spray but that was all.

The place always looked a bit rundown when they first drove up. Leaves stuck wet and flat on the steps, branches blown down near the dock and that tired face of dirty windows covered over inside. But in no time his mum will have it shining again. Dad used to do a lot but these days he mostly sits and looks out over the water.

Of course the mice had still treated the cottage like their winter getaway. Every spring his mum cursed the little creatures as she checked the kitchen drawers and cupboards. However a huge dose of sunshine on the old lino floor combined with Lysol cleaner perked her up in no time. And once dad was able to get the pump working and water streamed into the kettle for cleaning and tea, the world was a better place.

Fortunately all his parents really wanted at that point was for Allen to get lost while they brought the old building back into shape. He was very happy to oblige. There was much to check out after the winter hiatus.

His tree fort was intact though it looked as though the red squirrels had been using it as a dining room. Below its branches the river swirled and roared in spring excitement. Along the shore trilliums dotted the shadows like small lights beside ferns stretching up after a long winter's sleep.

When he was younger, his dad had got him started on the tree fort until he knew more about a hammer and saw. That had been a great summer, the two of them working away as they talked. But now his dad didn't talk much. Allen knew it wasn't personal. It was just how his dad was.

Down by the bay the frogs were competing with the Red Winged Blackbirds for his attention, trying to see who could be the loudest. Standing on the end of the dock, Allen looked down into the soft green water hoping to see Myrtle the turtle. And there she was, big and mysterious as ever. She looked a bit like a space ship gliding through the depths – smoothly silent and stately in her round turtle way.

Now the big question was whether or not to try for a swim. He knew the water would be cold, even though he ran his hand through it now and it felt pretty good. But Allen knew as soon as he went a few inches in that would change. He also knew how tricky the sun could be, baking his skin so that the shimmering, sparkling wetness enticed him to take a chance. Of course he always took the challenge, plunging in and coming up gasping.

And it was no good to look for warmth by stretching out on shore because the plunge had removed any insect repellent still clinging to his skin. Especially behind his ears. So he'd race back to the cottage. The broom had done its job so it was now safe to go inside and change out of the wet suit.

After a soup and hamburger supper, Allen and his mum played cards before bedtime. His dad went there before both of them. A while ago mum had explained that dad wasn't well and was doing the best he could.

Later just before drifting off Allen heard the frogs down by the bay. They were singing to the stars. He liked that idea.

points of view

Say cheese

steve galea

Loon Tales

IF YOU are having a really bad day, let me help you put it in perspective. Next Friday I am scheduled to have a colonoscopy – in Huntsville.

I'll be honest. Even I can think of better things to do in Muskoka.

Having said that, a family history dictates that every five years, I make the pilgrimage to whatever location the appointment is at, to participate in what I optimistically refer to as "my photoshoot."

To be clear, this is not like one of those Sport's Illustrated Bikini photoshoots. There is no sandy beach (which I suppose I should be thankful for). There is also no make up, and I doubt the lighting is going to be all that flattering. And whether or not they are shooting my best side, is open to debate. Lastly, there is no bikini.

The most ironic thing about this is that I do not like getting my photo taken at all – and I certainly don't like close ups at bad angles. But this is what I will endure every five years, or until Apple makes an iPhone attachment that will allow me to do selfies.

Why? Because I know it is important to my health.

Now, I am not the kind of person who worries much, but I will say that this procedure makes me nervous every time.

If I am being rational, I shouldn't be concerned. But I can't help but think what if the footage goes viral? I am not for a moment suggesting that there would be a deliberate breech in privacy but – hear me out – what if the computer holding my videos gets hacked by the world's unluckiest hacker?

My only consolation is that I wouldn't even recognize the subject if I saw it in a police line up.

At this point, I'm certain only the readers with aphantasia are still with me. The people with vivid imaginations probably left after the first paragraph. Also, this column is proof that the editor of this paper is not compensated nearly enough.

The worst part of a colonoscopy is the waiting room. As you can imagine, there is no eye contact there. There's just a bunch of older men and women resigned to a procedure. Oh sure, there's always that one keener, but for the most part, there's just a lot of sighing.

No one is asking, "What are you in here for?"

We all know.

When the time comes and I walk down that long hallway with my misbehaving hospital gown, I always try to think of something funny to say to the medical team, based on the fact that I desperately want them to like me before the procedure starts.

I guess it's nerves, but I always settle on, "I'm ready for my close-up Mr. DeMille."

Which doesn't get as many laughs as it should. But then again, if I did their job all day, I might not be in the mood for a joke either.

Anyhow, after the anesthetic, which thankfully isn't a local one, I will wake up and once again, try not to make eye contact with anyone as I make my way out to Jenn who will be waiting to drive me straight to a restaurant so that we can end a long fast that began the night before the procedure.

"How did it go?" she will ask.

But I won't answer. Hey, I'm not the kind of guy who overshares.

pic *of the* past

The Bobcaygeon Independent announced the discovery of gold in Haliburton in its May 13, 1898 edition. "We are all in great spirits. It will be just lovely to have a Klondike within a mile of our Town Hall," it read. The mine was near what is now Skyline Park. It turned out that the mine was mostly pyrites or of a concentration too little to pursue. You can see more information about this photo and more in the Haliburton: A History in Pictures, available at the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

letters to the editor

We're taking names

To the Editor,

G.H.H.S. are looking for Descendants of the Peter Robinson Irish Settlers who arrived in Canada in 1825. It is the 200th anniversary in 2025. We would like any families who are descendants of these settlers that live in Trent Lakes or Kinmount and area to please contact us. As many of the family's moved up this way. The Greater Harvey Historical Society of Trent Lakes will be involved in some of the celebrations for this amazing Anniversary so Please contact us. We will be posting the events as the information becomes available. We will be at Heritage Day in Buckhorn on June 15, and Kinmount Fair on Aug. 30 to Sept. 1. We will have information available for you then. ghhs738@gmail.com

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Haliburton

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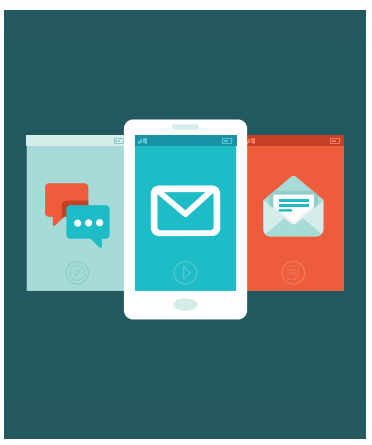

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The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

Restoring universities to the original mission

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Principles

ABOUT A month from now, hundreds of thousands of students in cap and gown will attend graduation ceremonies on university campuses across Canada.

The students will graduate with a lot of knowledge regarding topics such as philosophy, sociology and political science.

The one topic they won't have explored, however, might be the most important one of all – and that's the question of what constitutes an ideal society.

The Greek philosopher Plato founded the Academy around 2,400 years ago, regarded by many as the first university in the West. At the top of the curriculum at Plato's Academy was the subject of what constitutes an ideal society.

Plato's ideal state included features such as justice, harmony and the greater good of society.

But what about our society? What do we believe are the essential building blocks for creating a more civilized society, one that brings the greatest amount of freedom, peace and prosperity to its citizens?

Universities are the ideal place to explore these sorts of issues. After all, advancing knowledge and exploring new ideas are a fundamental part of a university's DNA.

Over the years, I've had dealings with many universities around the world. I've funded research centres related to entrepreneurship and technological innovation and given guest lectures on campuses in Canada, the US and Europe.

But until recently, it never occurred to me to consider what was the overriding purpose of a university. In conceiving and drafting the framework of an ideal society, universities should look at all aspects – everything from the arts and sports to business and medicine. They should also consider the ideal structure of government – one that ensures individual liberty and places certain checks on the power of elected officials.

One of the ways we currently do that is through our charter of democratic rights and freedoms. But what about other rights, including, most importantly, economic rights? Why has no society ever enshrined an economic charter of rights, and what should those rights be?

My belief is that economic charters of rights will help create economic democracies, and economic democracies – where the greatest number of people enjoy the greatest amount of wealth – are the foundation for democracy itself. I also believe that an economic charter of rights would be one of the cornerstones of any ideal society.

The composition of an ideal society isn't just something for ancient philosophers to ponder. It's a noble quest that we should likewise pursue – and our universities should be leading the way.

Universities can get the ball rolling by inviting some of the world's best minds and accomplished people to talk about the framework necessary for building an ideal society. They should convene symposia and open forums and begin mapping out a blueprint for what that society would look like and what we need to construct it. And they should create new faculties solely dedicated to this topic.

That doesn't mean throwing out many of the features that have made our society a magnet for people from around the world. Instead, it's a chance to make our society greater yet – to add new elements that would enrich the lives of its citizens while shoring up many of the shortcomings that are currently holding us back.

The ancient Greeks thought the creation of an ideal society was a noble pursuit and ended up building one of the greatest civilizations the world has ever seen.

We should also take up the same challenge. A society that stops striving for greatness is a decaying society.

To learn more about how an economic charter could improve our society, contact info@economiccharter.ca.

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Giving thanks to the community

The team at BMO Haliburton would like to thank the community for their generous donations to Kid's Help Phone in support of Walk So Kids Can Talk. This year the team raised over $1200 in support of this initiative that provides support to children and teens struggling with their mental health. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

Wages, scheduling at heart of HE labour dispute

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Municipal staff in Highlands East unanimously voted to lift pickets against their employer.

All of the township's civic employees, represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 4416, cast ballots in favour of the job action.

The union said the decision didn't come lightly as it followed many days of negotiations between the bargaining committee and the municipality.

At issue is what the union refers to as fair wages to better assuage the increased cost of living. Another issue is fighting back against the employer's demand for mandatory weekend work and against the demand that employee schedules could be changed with little to no notice.

Another issue is that the union said in a press release that the municipality refuses to negotiate benefits for two female workers that were previously awarded to men working in the same position on the same schedule.

Mayor Dave Burton and Brittany McCaw, CAO of the municipality, were unavailable for comment.

Rick Huffman, the local's president, said the unanimous vote sends a strong signal to the employer that union members are united and willing to

stand up and fight for fair wages and that they're steadfast against concessions.

> ***"They also deserve fair wages to address the growing cost of living, and everyone deserves benefits."***
>
> — Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton

"Our members have lives outside of work and, at the very least, they deserve predictable schedules that allows them to be able to make plans in their personal lives," he said. "They also deserve fair wages to address the growing cost of living, and everyone deserves benefits, regardless of their gender, especially when those benefits were offered to men working in the same position."

He said the vote follows ongoing workplace health and safety issues that continue to go unaddressed by the municipality. Conciliation between the union and the employer is scheduled for early next month.

"We have a conciliation date set for June 10 with a ministry-appointed officer and urge the employer to come back ready to reach a fair agreement," said Huffman.

Wild about wildflowers

The Haliburton Highlands land Trust's Spring Wildflowers and Leeks hike hosted by Belinda Gallagher and Michele Swyer took participants through the trails of Barnum Creek Nature Reserve on learn about the sustainable harvesting of leeks and observe species of spring wildflowers on Saturday, May 11. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

Porch Doctor seals the deal in Highlands

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

"We do deck, dock, and boat house coatings on plywood and concrete coatings on porches. That's where the name Porch Doctor came from," said Shannon Hulme, director of project services for Porch Doctor.

"I moved to Canada seven years ago because of Shannon," said Mary Hulme, director of sales and marketing. A New York native, Hulme met Shannon when doing a Spartan race on a mountain in Quebec. Shannon Hulme first came to the Highlands around 2015 when he came to work on the MNRF building at Stanhope Airport.

"We fell in love with the area," said Shannon Hulme. Two years after owning a rental property in the area, Shannon and Mary Hulme moved to Haliburton County permanently.

Shannon Hulme's children and father help out with the family business when available.

"We have no outside employees. Our work is very particular in that you can't make a mess. To find somebody that is going to take care and to keep things clean is tricky. We have had employees in the past, but it is more of a headache," said Shannon Hulme.

After working as a labourer and then a carpenter, Shannon Hulme became a clerk of works.

"You make sure that you are constructing properly as an extra pair of eyes for the owner," said Shannon Hulme. "For over 13 years, I oversaw court houses, OPP facilities, three or four courthouses, and three MNR buildings in Sudbury, North Bay and Haliburton."

Mary and Shannon Hulme stand proudly by their Porch Doctor work vehicle. The Hulmes started their business in 2017 and are committed to beautifying the Highlands. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

"For those 13 years, I wasn't on the tools, I was just watching people. I really missed being active and accomplishing something in my day," said Shannon Hulme. "We found this product and it's been perfect so far."

The Porch Doctor began their 2024 season this past week.

"For our process, we need three days of good weather. Usually, it starts between April and May. This year's been a little questionable because we haven't had many days of good weather in a row," said Shannon Hulme. "Rain is the biggest problem."

"The product is also building code approved," said Mary Hulme. "One of the only building code approved waterproof products."

Porch Doctor exclusively uses Flexstone Coatings for sealing decks, boat houses, docks, and porches.

"It's a urethane product. It's all seamless. Because it is liquid applied, there are no joints," said Shannon Hulme.

"Our biggest competitor up here has seams, and a lot of our work is fixing their work," said Mary Hulme.

"What the product really is best at doing is if you have a second story deck, we waterproof that and then there can be living space below," said Shannon Hulme. "The traditional way that they do that is they'll put down a traditional roofing membrane and build a deck on top. Our application is a one step process."

The Hulmes hope to spread the word about Flexstone products and the value that they add to people's home, deck, dock, or boathouse.

"For the most part, the product is not widely used in Ontario. It comes from B.C.. For the last five years since we started, we have had the highest google reviews and took on the most work," said Shannon Hulme. "It is a complicated process to install. Basically, you need to be qualified and experienced in it and it is a very messy process, so it is less desirable."

"Literally it will dry in 10 minutes, so you have to move fast," said Mary Hulme. "You really have to be trained."

"We have developed processes that are unique to us," said Shannon Hulme. "That is how my father and I were able to do 7,000 square foot apartment buildings in a few weeks. We have spent a lot of time refining the process and doing as best as we can and as quickly as we can with quality results."

"The great thing about our product is it comes with basically a 20-year warranty," said Shannon Hulme. "After 10 years, we come out and make sure everything is good. Maybe give it another application of clear coat, you almost get a 20-year warranty right off the hop. You don't get that in this industry." "It is a high-end product meant to last a lifetime. It will last 30 to 40 years if well maintained."

"We have a wide range of colour options that will suit anybody's project," said Shannon Hulme. "There are also different textures." "It is also very easy to change the colour."

Porch Doctor consider themselves to be the most active installers in Ontario. By providing estimates remotely, they have operated their business throughout the province. Their current focus is on cottages, homes, and boathouses in Haliburton County.

"There is no other product that is up here that is a seamless, waterproof coating for decks, roofs, or boat houses," said Shannon Hulme. "We really want to get into boat houses because you have to have a roof on it, and you really want it to be beautiful. We are the perfect option for that."

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The Municipality of Highlands East is updating the User Fees and Charges By-law, which sets out the costs for a wide variety of municipal services.

The proposed by-law will come forward to the June 4, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council for Council's consideration of approval.

The Special Meeting agenda for June 4, 2024 will be posted on the municipal website on Friday May 31st, 2024.

The proposed by-law currently is accessible through the municipal website, located within the Regular Meeting agenda of May 14th

For information or to submit written comments please contact the undersigned prior to May 28th, 2024:

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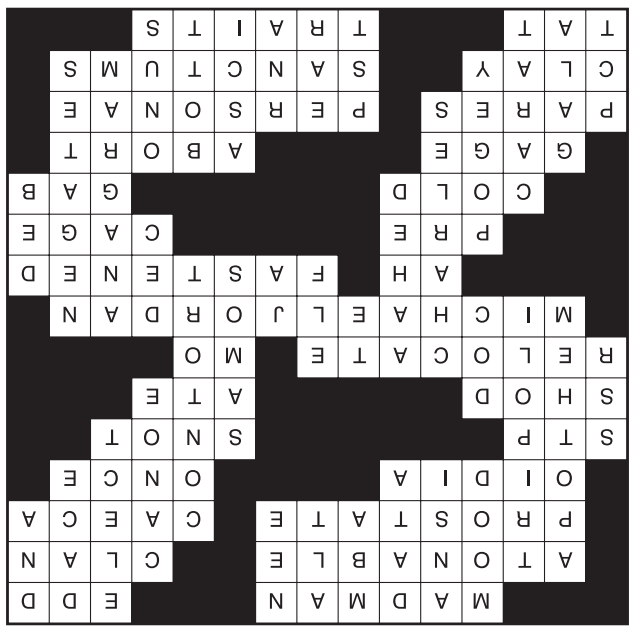

Voodoo Pawn Shop band members Randy Cracknell, Wolf Endlicher, Ted Wright, and Paul Murray pose in front of the Highlands Blues Society's banner on display at the concert at HHSS on Friday to gain student interest in the Pat Monaghan Youth Award contest on June 4. /Submitted

Voodoo Pawn Shop brings hype for comp

THOMAS SMITH
Staff Reporter

On May 10, Voodoo Pawn Shop performed for students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Voodoo Pawn Shop is a blues band based out of Uxbridge, Ontario. The concert was organized by the Highlands Buckside Blues Society for students to gain an interest in blues music and to gain momentum for Patrick Monaghan Youth Award contest on June 4.

The Patrick Monaghan Youth Award is named in honour of the late Patrick Monaghan. Patrick Monaghan passed away last year after a warrior's battle with cancer. Monaghan bastioned the love of blues music through the Buckside Blues Cruise Show broadcasted from Canoe FM.

Some lucky students will be given the opportunity to attend the Blues Camp with the Grand River Blues Society in Waterloo.

"Music as a whole is important," says Paul Murray, drummer of Voodoo Pawn Shop and friend of Monaghan. Whether it be blues, rock, whatever, music is a form of communication you'll never get sick of, says Murray.

The Highlands Buckside Blues Society was formed to develop local, community based interests in blues music. Through performances and jam sessions such as the one at HHSS, the society strives to keep the love of blues alive in the Haliburton highlands.

"We are a blues society, our goal is to promote blues music," says Mark Riemenschneider, member of the Highlands Buckside Blues Society. "The way to do that is through young people. We focus on young people to try and educate, promote, and inspire. We strive to inspire young musicians."

"I listen to so many blues bands and there is so much more than just the same old artists. They are amazing and they are out there." Riemenschneider is confident that the next generation of blues musicians can be found at HHSS. Hopefully, concerts such as Voodoo Pawn Shop will inspire a young person to take up the guitar, or form an interest in blues music. The blues competition and talent show would allow opportunities for students to attend a music camp and learn everything they need to know to succeed as a blues musician. Students, aged 11 to 18 are encouraged to compete in the competition

Blues music originates in the Black community in the United States and at one point was fading from popularity until young British musicians added to the genre, says Riemenschneider. The Highlands Buckside Blues Society hopes to preserve the love of blues music despite industry dominating figures like Taylor Swift.

The Highlands Blues Society is looking forward to putting on their Blues Festival August 23 and 24 this year at the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

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Student opportunities

G. J. Burtch employees are pictured at the Haliburton Home County Home Builders Association Job Fair at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on May 8. The fair gave students the opportunty to connect with local employers to learn about present and future job opportunities in the Highlands. /LAURA SMITH Staff

Francis Thomas Contracting set up at the HCHB Job Fair.

Haliburton County paramedics stand with their booth.

Hodgkinson Enterprise Inc. were also a part of the job fair.

Hatchery proves fruitful on a number of fronts

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

There's much that can be provided by a wee fish.

Dan Smith of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association gave some insight to Highlands East council into some of what's provided by a community hatchery.

"We call it a community hatchery because that's exactly what it does," he said. "We stock fish in lakes, including many lakes in Highlands East that the public can access."

Smith said the association stocks bodies of water that are accessible to the public.

"In that way, we are improving and maintaining the fishery of Haliburton County," he said. "And promoting tourism as well. With tourism comes people and people bring that income into the county.

"That's the basics of our Community Hatchery Program."

The first Haliburton-area lake to be stocked with lake trout by the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association was Miskwabi Lake. Since then, the Haliburton Lake Trout Project has boosted fish populations in Esson Lake, Loon Lake, Lipsy Lake and Koshlong Lake.

The association's hatchery has raised as stocked more than 700,000 fish since 2000. Since then, the hatchery has expanded to work with other nearby district organizations on other lakes. In cooperation with the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Haliburton Fish Hatchery has been working with two other district organizations to raise and culture natural strains of lake trout within our region. Beginning in 2003, the

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>
> — Dan Smith, HHOA president

The hatchery accepted 5,000 lake trout eggs from Crystal Lake in Mazinaw in 2003. The following year, 5,000 lake trout eggs from Palmerston Lake in Ompah were grown at the facility.

These two projects by the Ministry of Natural Resources adhere to the precepts of the Haliburton Lake Trout Project, which is to rehabilitate natural strains of lake trout.

Further, the association accepted eggs from Ashby Lake in Bancroft in 2006 and, in 2007, eggs from Weslomkoon Lake in Bancroft.

The other basic component of the Community Hatchery Program is the rehabilitation of lakes that have been determined to not be producing enough to maintain a healthy fishery.

The association's hatchery "pounded" fish into Salmon Lake south of Gooderham for three years to give the lake a boost.

"It was not producing new fish efficiently," Smith said.

The Haliburton Gold species was added to that lake, he said.

"I'm told since we ended that program that there are fish being caught in Salmon Lake whose fins are not clipped," he said.

The fins of fish nurtured at the hatchery are clipped to show that they are a stocked fish.

"In turn, if there's now fish being caught that don't have a clipped fin, it means that they're natural in that lake," Smith said. "They were born in that lake."

The Haliburton Gold lake trout are found in only a few lakes in the region. They're not found anywhere else in the world. They're descendent of fish that had been stranded in the region when the glaciers receded, he said.

Smith said it's a hardy fish that grows quickly, but not as large as common lake trout species. They can reproduce at three years, as opposed to the seven years for a regular trout.

"It's a good way to get the species going quicker," he said of a lake's recovery process.

Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall said the hatchery and the association has a hand in turtle preservation.

Smith said the turtle guardians, which is a charity, uses a building on the association's property and both groups work back and forth with each other.

"They've got many of the same goals as we do," he said. "Conservation is the big thing."

Real Easy Ryders Cycling Club wheely excited to kick off season

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

A group from Haliburton Real Easy Ryders Cycling Club departs from Lochlin Community Centre last Tuesday. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

On Tuesday May 7, Haliburton Real Easy Ryders Cycling Club kicked off their 2024 riding season. Over 40 people dusted off their bikes and came out to the Lochlin Community Centre Tuesday morning.

"Everybody who wants to come, comes," said Robin Bell, past president of the Haliburton Real Easy Ryders Cycling Club. Bell first joined the riding club in 2012.

"There are about 136 members," said Bell.

"Last year we had 159," said Lee Ann Cruz, current president of Haliburton Real Easy Ryders Cycling Club. "We'll probably reach that or surpass that this season. Some people join later, once they are up to their cottage on May long weekend."

"We'd like to get to know each other and we encourage that," said Cruz. "On a Tuesday ride, we get anywhere from 40 to 50 people."

"If it's a wet day, five or 10," said Bell aparking completely, there was no space to park at all."

"We were parked lined up along the road as well because we filled our spots," said Cruz. "It was a big turnout."

Starting from the Lochlin Community Centre, the group broke off into five groups. The ride took the cyclists down Gelert Road, up through Ingoldsby and then down Lochlin Road back to the community centre. Some riding groups do longer loups, whereas other cyclists do the short route.

"After our ride, some of us pack a picnic lunch and we just go over and sit outside and catch up with people, have lunch before we go back home," said Cruz.

"I used to ride as a kid," said Bell. "As an adult, I've been riding since maybe 1990, a bit earlier than that, in the 80s."

"I was doing a lot of running and my knee wasn't agreeing with me and I was taking up cycling as cross training and I found I really enjoyed it." "It's a really fun activity."

All forms of cycling are accepted with the group including e-bikes and recumbent bikes.

"I was the president for five years," said Bell.

"Then I came along and kinda got bamboozled into it," said Cruz with a laugh.

"I came in 2021 and I just wanted to meet people. I enjoyed cycling so I thought this was a good fit."

"It is a very hilly area, that is why the e-bikes are so beneficial. If someone wants to come and ride but they are a little nervous about hills, we don't discriminate. E-bikes are welcome. Not all cycling clubs allow e-bikes, but we do. We just want people to come out and ride, to have fun, and to socialize," said Cruz. "It's really about fun and fitness."

Haliburton Real Easy Ryders Cycling Club has a website with each of their cycling routes available to the public.

"Tourists can use our maps," said Bell. "We're very happy to see that."

The cycling club also has an account with Ride with GPS to allow members to select routes in which they can cycle along with turn navigation.

"We want to make sure everyone is staying hydrated and that they are comfortable so we'll pull over where it's safe to do so and stop, regroup, make sure everyone has a drink and carry on," said Cruz.

The club takes two trips every year, one in the spring and one in the fall. This spring, the club is visiting Welland and the Niagara area where they will be cycling the area and having dinner at a country club.

"We have a few members in our club who are musicians. So after dinner we usually gather together, they pull out their instruments and we have some fun with that," said Cruz.

"We have quite a mix of people. Men, women, different ages. A lot of retirees obviously. Last year our average age was 67. We have some members in their 30s, some members in their early 80s and everything in between. It's open for anyone 18 and over for anyone who wants to come out and ride with us. If a member has a friend or family member who is interested in riding with us, they are welcome to, they just need to go to our website and there is a guest waiver to complete before a ride.

Membership is $40 for the entire season.

"It's very inexpensive to join. We didn't want it to be cost prohibitive for anyone," said Cruz. "That $40 gets you riding from April 30th and we ride until the end of October. There are three organized rides per week all season long, threw potluck lunches throughout the season w here we meet at a community hall and then two organized trips."

Tourists that do not know a member are still encouraged to sign up as a guest on their website. Guest riders are allowed a limited number of trips to try out to see if they enjoy riding with the club.

Safety is the riding club's number one priority. Helmets are mandatory and no cyclist will be left behind.

The Haliburton Real Easy Ryders Cycling Club conducts three rides per week on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Cyclists of all experience are welcome to join, as long as they have a bike to peddle and a helmet, said Cruz.

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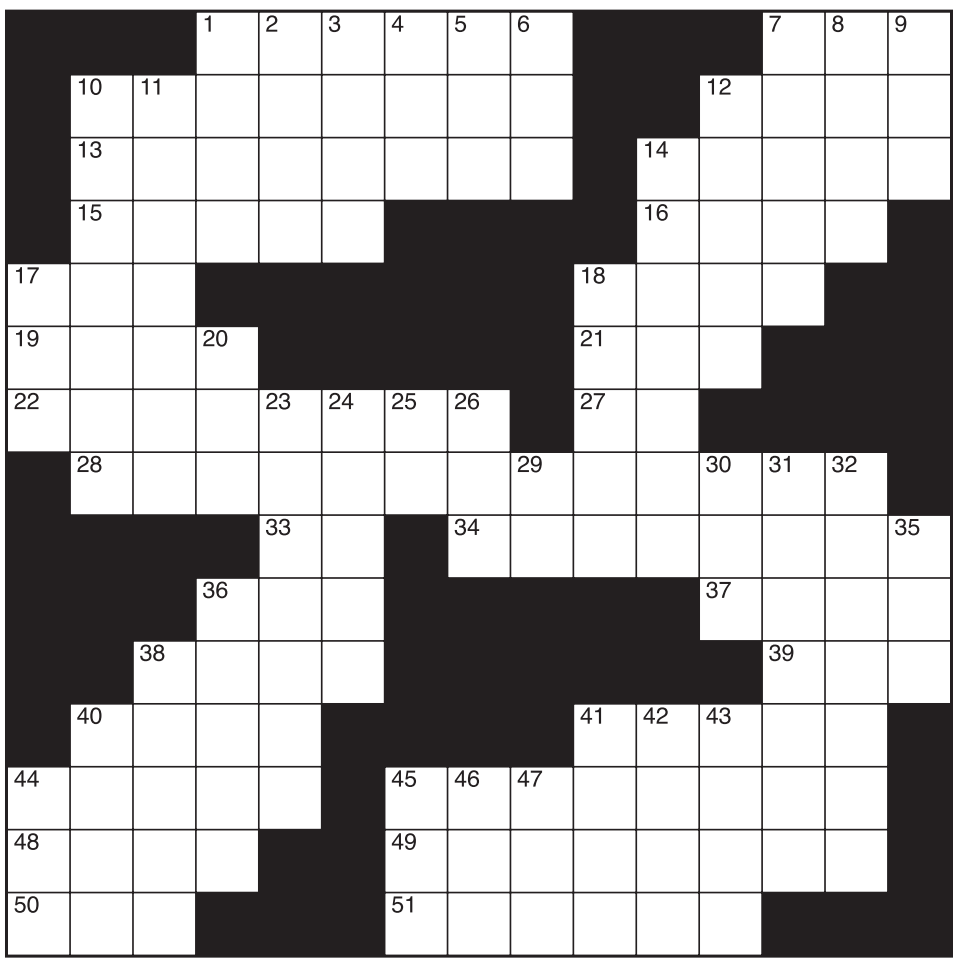

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1. Lunatic
7. Doctor of Education
10. Able to make amends
12. Tight-knit group
13. Gland
14. Intestinal pouches
15. Fungal spores
16. Erstwhile
17. Engine additive
18. Nasal mucus
19. Fit a horse with footwear
21. Consumed
22. Settle
27. Larry and Curly's pal
28. Basketball's GOAT
33. Exclamation of surprise
34. Made tight
36. Before
37. Actor Nicolas
38. Not hot
39. Talk
40. Pledge
41. Abandon a mission
44. Trims by cutting
45. Aspects of one's character
48. Boxing GOATÕs former surname
49. Holy places
50. Body art (slang)
51. Attributes

CLUES DOWN
1. How one feels
2. American Nat'l Standards Institute
3. Information
4. Licensed for Wall Street
5. Keyboard key
6. Born of
7. Choose to represent
8. Small European freshwater fish
9. Everyone has their own
10. Line from the center of a polygon
11. Lebanese city
12. Type of watercraft
14. A way to twist
17. Soviet Socialist Republic
18. Greek island
20. Medical practitioner
23. __ DeGaulle, French President
24. Partner to Òoohed'
25. Atomic #52
26. Santa's helper
29. Rapper __ Rule
30. Month
31. Word formed by rearranging letters
32. Nullifies
35. Young woman ready to enter society
36. Unemployment
38. Weight unit
40. Formal party
41. Computer language
42. Residue formula in math
43. Duty or responsibility
44. Part of (abbr.)
45. Time zone
46. Body part
47. Nucleic acid

Answers on page 10

Right, Rhubies, a new cocktail and tapas bar, features a lakeside patio right below Rhubarb Restaurant in Carnarvon. /Photos submitted

Rhubies: a taste of Spain in the Highlands

VIVIAN COLLINGS
Editor

Carnarvon has a new jewel.

Rhubies cocktail bar and tapas restaurant features a lakeside patio right below Rhubarb Restaurant.

"It's Rhubarb's little sister," said Terri Mathews-Carl, co-owner of Rhubies and Rhubarb Restuarant. "It's more of a casual eatery. Everything will be tapas, so really small bites for sharing like something you would get in Spain or Portugal. The seating is set up to allow for more conversation, too. Think Muskoka chairs and loungers."

Cocktails, Ontario and international wine, and local craft beer are on the drink menu.

"We'll serve beer from all the local breweries as well as ones within about an hour radius," Mathews-Carl said.

It boasts modern patio furniture by Ori, a Canadian company.

"The space is pretty large inside, so inside will be a bottle shop where we'll sell craft beer and wine with the purchase of food."

Rhubies will also have lifestyle items available and a vintage clothing section to shop from.

The idea came from gathering inspiration from bars in Spain.

"My daughter went to school in Spain this year, and after visiting we really loved the vibe of small bites along with drinks. We thought there was nothing like that in the county, so we wanted to have offer a similar experience here where you can come and sit by the lake," Mathews-Carl said.

Mathews-Carl's daughter, Annie Merrifield, will be managing Rhubies this summer with the help of some of Rhubarb's regular staff.

Starting on the May long weekend, Rhubies will be open on weekends before opening during the week in the summer.

ACM Designs helped design the interior.

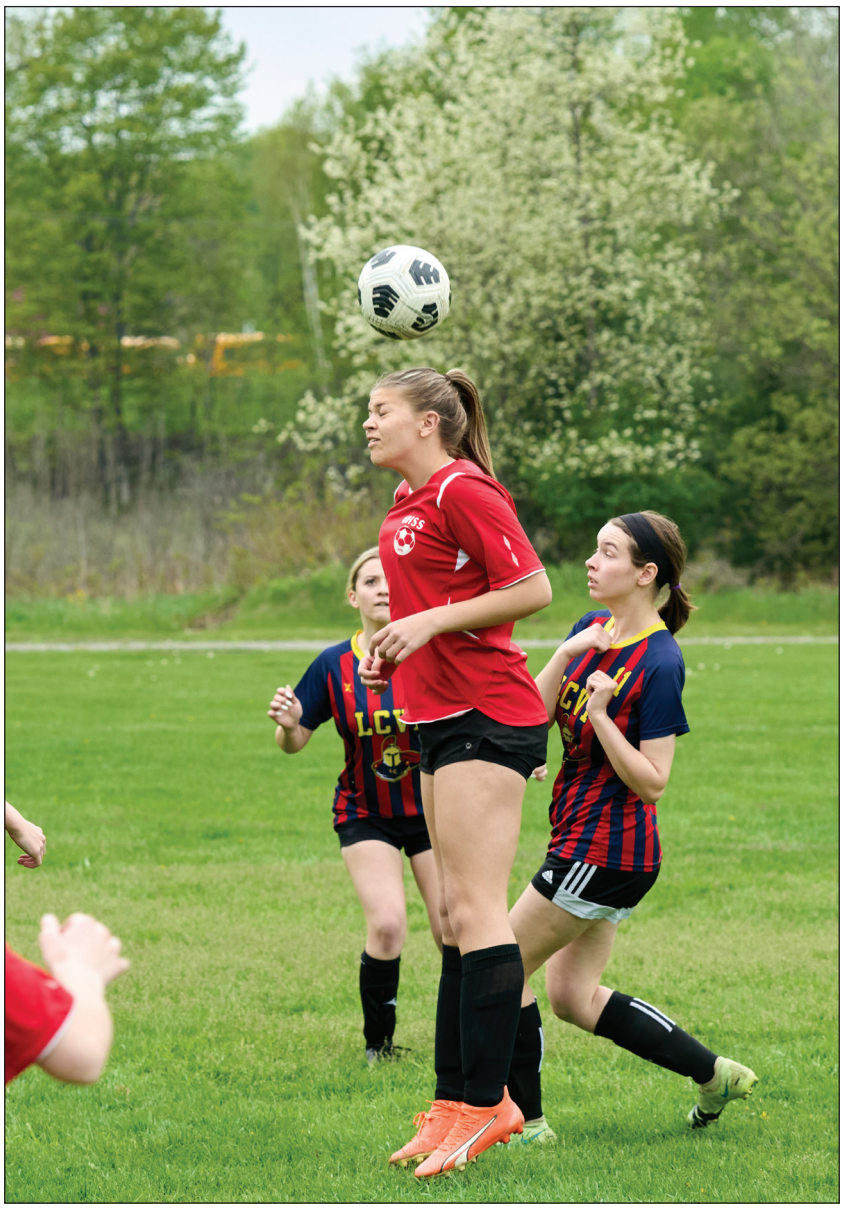
"We're really excited. They've been super helpful with the whole process."

Dogs will be allowed on the outdoor patio

"We're really thrilled to offer this. It's going to be something different that nobody else is doing, so we thought it would be a fun way to spend the summer."

Heads in the game

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School girls soccer team is a force to be reckoned with on the home field. The team won their game against Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute 1-0 on Wednesday, May 15 /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*



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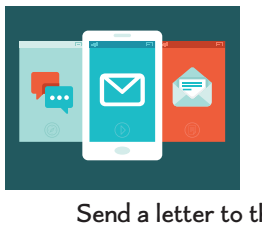

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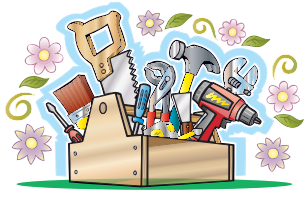

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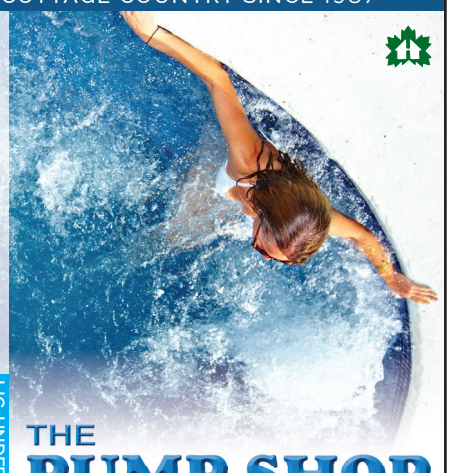

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CN crews begin tearing up rails

Canadian National Railways section crews have begun removing rails and associated equipment from the Lindsay/Haliburton subdivision, a job that is expected to take up to two years to complete.

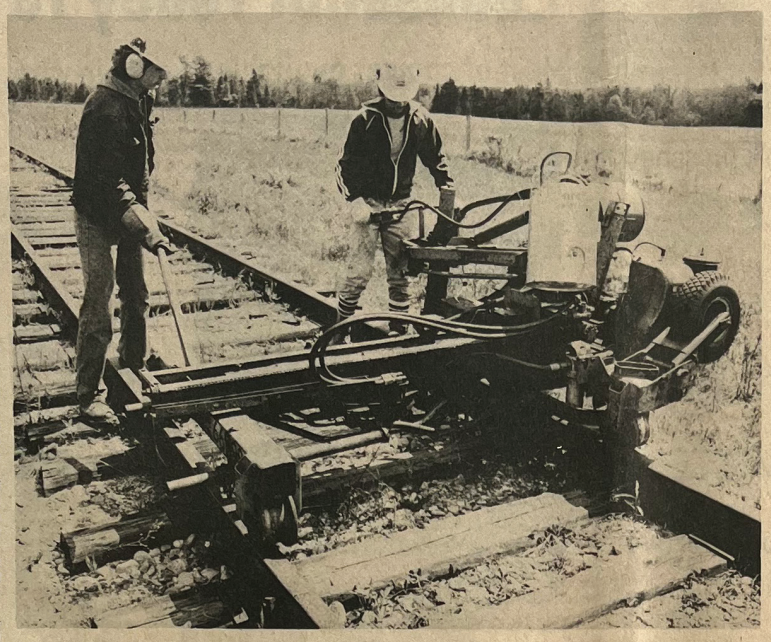
Crews began work in the Lochlin area last week, leaving a six mile stretch through Dysart et al untouched while negotiations between council and CN rail on possible purchase of the line continue.

Jim Stratton, assistant manager in CN's public affairs department, said the company will submit a formal purchase price to council. Tenders have also been called for removal of the ties along the portion of the line outside of Dysart.

Stratton said the cost of removing the line is expected to be offset by revenue from the ties, rails and other equipment.

The rail will be stockpiled and used on spur lines and sidings throughout the system, Stratton said.

While CN crews will carry out most of the removal work, local contractors may be employed to assist with removal of some of the equipment, Stratton noted.



CN railway crews have begun tearing up the rails of the Lindsay/Haliburton line. The job is expected to take up to two years to complete. First step in the process is the removal of spikes, which two workers are seen carrying out on a stretch of the line in the Lochlin area.

Problems resolved:

Soyers Lake ratepayers, Minden council find common ground over zoning by-law

The Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association and Anson, Hindon and Minden council resolved most of their concerns about the municipality's new comprehensive zoning by-law at the association's annual spring meeting, Sunday.

Reeve Lloyd Walker, deputy-reeve Doug Pritchard, councillor Lyle McKnight and councillor Ed Pergolas, discussed the proposed by-law with approximately 75 members of the association.

According to both Lew McCorriston, president of the association, and Walker, concerns were voiced amicably and compromises appeared to be reached.

The association's key concern was the 82 foot frontage minimum for residential third density lots (some of which front on lakes) while other lakeshore properties required a minimum of 132 feet. Council explained that the 82 foot minimum had been an error and tenatively had been corrected.

McCorriston said the association had been hoping for 150 foot minimum frontages but that the "general feeling was that it (132 feet) could be lived with". McCorriston said he told the meeting that the legal minimum did not mean property owners would have to accept developments with that frontage if they deemed it harmful to the environment.

The association's other concern was the unknown intent of the R3, R4, R5 zones which had replaced the recreational residential zones outlined on the first draft of the by-law. McCorriston said there did not seem to be "any clear reason" for the three separate zones other than the distance allotments from municipal roads. He said some ratepayers felt the zones could lead to a denial of services in the future.

According to McCorriston, council was unable to clearly explain the intent of the zones and agreed to ask its planner to provide an explanation.

Other ratepayers were concerned about possible denial of home occupations in R4 and R5 zones but others felt they were satisfied with the present zoning.

No action was taken on the matter, McCorriston said.

At the end of the meeting, the association agreed to inform council in writing of the issues it feels still need to be dealt with and council is expected to reply with its proposals. When council's intent is made clear, the association will then decide whether to continue with their objections to an Ontario Municipal Board hearing.

A date for the OMB hearing has not been set yet.

Chamber sets up weather reports

Radio stations in southern Ontario will have access to weather reports from the Haliburton area next winter under a programme to be implimented by the local Chamber of Commerce.

The scheme calls for twice daily weather reports to be provided free of charge to participating radio stations, who will run the 25 second updates at their convenience. If enough stations are willing to use the reports, the Chamber will install a separate toll free telephone line carrying the recorded message. If the number of stations taking part is too small to justify the anticipated $4000 cost of the line, reports will be telephoned to the stations on a twice daily basis by Chamber staff.

The plan was revealed to county council last Wednesday by Stanhope deputy reeve Elgin Stouffer, who spearheaded efforts to get it underway after encountering a similar program in Myrtle Beach, North Carolina.

Stouffer said letters explaining the proposal have been sent to 65 radio stations and 30 have responded to date requesting further information.

One station has made a firm committment to participate.

Stouffer said spinoff benefits of the weather reports could be significant if they give the area a higher profile.

"Nobody really knows where the Haliburton Highlands are" Stouffer said.

He said the weather reports could provide a significant return for a relatively small investment.

"The beauty of this system is that we don't have to put much money up front" Stouffer told council.

A decision on whether or not to proceed with the programme is expected to be made at the June meeting of the Chamber's board.

Cardiff cuts spending in '82 budget

Mill rates decline despite increases for county, board of education

Cardiff township council is citing 'zero base' budgetting as the reason for a nine per cent decrease in projected 1982 expenditures compared to actual 1981 spending.

Cardiff's projected spending will decline to $346,580 from 1981 actual expenditures to $383,978.

Mill rates will also fall for both residential and commercial property owners, even though the education portion of tax bills will be up slightly.

The residential mill rate for municipal purposes has been set at $55.09 for 1982 compared to 112.63 in 1981. The elementary school portion is up marginally from 54.83 in 1981 to 61.81. Secondary education costs account for a four point rise in the rate, from 48.38 in 1981 to 52.56 this year. Haliburton County's levy to Cardiff is also up slightly this year, resulting in a four point jump in the rate, from 19.92 mills last year to 23.67 mills in the current budget.

Since each mill raises one dollar for every $1000 of assessment, ratepayers whose assessment remained constant in the last year will see a drop in thier tax bills this year with a total residential mill rate of 193.13 compared to 235.76 mills in 1981.

Business and commercial mill rates are also down overall, despite increases for the board of education and the county. The municipal portion of the rate has been set at 64.81 mills, down more than 50 per cent from last year's rate of 132.50 mills. The total mill rate for business and commercial property owners will be 227.21 mills in 1982 compared to 277.37 mills last year.

Under the 'zero base' approach to budgetting, municpal departments are not given automatic increases in their funds, but must justify projected expenditures on a year to year basis.

This year's budget was aided by a surplus of $27,912 from 1981, but the major reason for the nine per cent decline in projected spending is a cut in funding for the roads department.

Operating expenses for the department have been set at $145,318 for 1982 compared to actual 1981 spending of $183,357. Capital expenditures on roads in Cardiff will also be down in 1982, to an estimated $35,510 compared to $51,629 in 1981.

Expenditures for planning and community development have also been reduced by almost $10,000 in the new budget, from $25,067 in 1981 to $15,656 this year.

Waste disposal spending was also cut in the new budget, from $21,788 in 1981 to a projected $17,200 this year.

Other portions of the municipal budget are up slightly. General government operating expenses will rise to $57,113 from $49,215 in 1981. Some $10,000 will be spent for capital projects under the category, compared to $1,115 last year.

Spending for protection to persons and property will increase by approximately $4000 this year, to $26,871.

Health services spending remains almost unchanged at $13000 compared to actual 1981 expenditures of $1,111.

For social services, Cardiff council expects to spend $10,050 this year compared to $9000 last year.

Recreation and community services remain unchanged at $9,150.

A reserve for working funds has been increased to $17,912 this year from $10,000 last year.

No surplus is anticipated in the budget.

Construction down in Dysart

Building permits, one benchmark of the local economy, are down more than 50 per cent in Dysart et al compared to the same time last year.

Only 39 permits have been issued in the municipality since the beginning of the year, while 81 were issued in the first five months of 1981.

Of the 39 permits, only five are for cottages and three for new houses, while the other 31 are for garages, renovations or additions.

No major projects are underway in the municipality this year, and none are anticipated.

The downturn in construction is being felt keenly by local contractors and lumber suppliers.

Local construction starts were slow for the first half of 1981, but picked up when the provincial government removed sales tax from building materials in a bid to boost the housing industry. A total of 300 permits were issued in the municipality in 1981, 15 for new homes, 61 for new cottages and balance for garages, additions and renovations. Total value of the projects was $4.1 million.

The 1981 total was higher than for 1980, when 243 permits were valued at $3.2 million were issued, but the overall trend has been toward fewer home and cottage starts in recent years.

Some 309 permits valued at $4.9 million were issued in 1979, and of these, 26 were for new homes and 109 for cottages, with the remaining obtained for garages, additions and renovations.

Work valued at $3.3 million was carried out in 1978, when 338 permits were issued. Some 31 new homes were constructed in Dysart that year, and 113 new cottages were started.

In 1977 the municipality issued 361 permits for work valued at $3.6 million, including 120 cottages and 26 new homes.

A total of 391 permits were obtained in 1976, when 41 new homes and 121 cottages were constructed. Total value of construction work in the municipality that year was $3.3 million.

Totals for 1975 were even higher. In that year, 396 permits were issued for work valued at almost $5 million, including 46 houses and 143 cottages.

Interest rates and a general lack of confidence in the economy, as well as the effects of inflation are all thought to be contributing to the downturn in new construction. Scores of lots are available in existing developments, but remain vacant.

Architects study downtown Minden

Plan to be presented to council, public after three days of intense effort

Minden's long-awaited CAUSE study, to determine development possibilities for the downtown area, will begin Thursday.

A team of four architects, two students and one coordinator will arrive Thursday morning. Their first official function will be a lunch with Anson, Hindon and Minden council members followed by a complete tour of the area.

Thursday evening at 6 p.m. the team will be introduced to the area business people and other interested citizens at a casual meeting at the community centre. The meeting was initially scheduled at the common room in the new cultural centre but because of the interest shown by local organizations, space requirements necessitated the move. Business Improvement Area merchants, who are sponsoring the program, are hoping area residents will voice their opinions on downtown problems to give the architects a better perspective of the area. The evening will begin with a casual hour and then a more formal portion will introduce the team. A question and answer period will follow.

After Thursday, the CAUSE team's intensive work will begin. An office will be set up in the second storey of the municipal building. The team is expected to work 24 hours a day Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The group required many specific pieces of equipment to complete the CAUSE study but BIA representatives have managed to borrow most of it. Donations of the equipment has kept the project under budget thus far. With only $3,000 alloted for the study, BIA representatives anticipate that food and accomodation will be the most expensive commodity. The team donates its time to the project.

Monday at 10:30 a.m. the team will present a report on developments it thinks are possible in the village. Minden is the smallest community that has ever been surveyed by a CAUSE team.

Snowdon pressing to get highway

Snowdon Township councillors haven't given up their fight to have the former Highway 519, now known as County Road 1, reinstated into the provincial highway system.

Snowdon politicians protested the transfer when it was proposed close to a year ago, but were overuled by the majority of county councillors. Council's road committee agreed to re-open negotiations with the provincial transport ministry six months after the transfer became official late last fall.

Now, reeve Bob Vick and deputy reeve John Francis are pressing for action on the matter.

"How are you proceeding with getting our highway back?" Vick asked road committee chairman Keith Tallman at a council session last Wednesday.

Tallman replied that letters outlining a number of proposed jurisdictional changes to roads throughout the county had been sent to municipalities for comment, and that the committee was awaiting replies.

But Vick pointed out that County Road 1 was not among the possible changes included in the letter.

"Our highway wasn't mentioned", Vick said, adding that the six month waiting period is up and "we should be moving on it".

Tallman said the committee wanted to wait for every municipality to respond to the proposed changes before taking them any farther.

"We've got to have a position when we go back to the ministry (of Transportation and Communications)" Tallman said.

Deputy reeve John Francis was incensed with the delay, however, claiming it is "ridiculous" to delay any longer,

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Separate electors get seat on board

Separate school electors in the Cardiff Township area have confirmed their desire to elect a member to the Haliburton County Board of Education.

The electors gave notice in early 1981 that they wanted a member on the [illegible] but the matter was deferred. With municipal elections slated for November of this year, Haliburton County council is expected to pass a by-law next month giving the Cardiff electors a seat on the board.

Under the terms of The Education Act, separate school supporters are entitled to representation on the board through an existing seat or an additional seat, [illegible] assessment. In Haliburton County, separate school electors are few in number, and their seat would be an additional one, bringing the board's strength up to 15 members.

Children of separate school supporters in the Cardiff area attend a Roman Catholic elementary school in Hastings County. Secondary school students from the area are bused to Bancroft, but fees are paid by the Haliburton County board.

Legislation states that the separate school representative would be allowed to vote only on matters affecting secondary education, but the

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Head Lake Park was officially opened Sunday, and among those taking part were Bernice and Jim Elstone, left, and Rex and Grace Boice, right, whose contributions are acknowledged on the plaque at centre.

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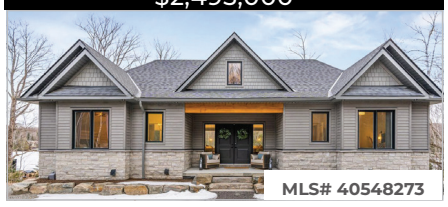

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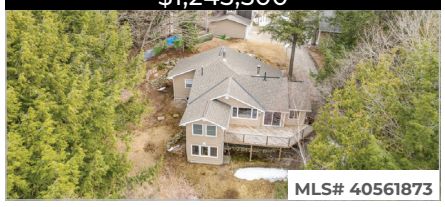

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HALBIEM
COMING SOON

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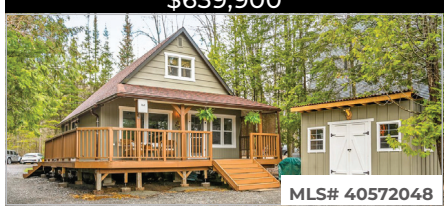

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MLS# 40585667

BETHEL ROAD
$195,000

MLS# 40476956

GRACE RIVER ROAD
$185,000

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GRACE RIVER ROAD
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MLS# 40549838

LAKEVIEW ST.
$159,900

MLS# 40538935

ELEPHANT LAKE RD
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MLS# 40578408

CHANDLER POINT
$68,500

MLS# 40578158

ELEPHANT LAKE RD
$48, 925

MLS# 40579751

ELEPHANT LAKE RD
$45,995

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KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE
$1,450,000

MLS# 40485914

BIRCH NARROWS
$329,000

MLS# 40569788

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